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(HUNTER, CARRIE)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2049

1. DEPT IS INCLINED TO SHARE BACKSTOPPING GROUP'S APPARENT CONFIDENCE THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. WE ARE SURE, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT THERE IS CERTAIN UNEASINESS HERE AT LACK OF INFORMATION AS TO WHAT NYERERE AND TANGOV ARE DOING. IT HAS NOW BEEN FIVE DAYS SINCE NYERERE SAID HE WAS GOING TO QTE TAKE OVER THE CASE UNQTE, DURING WHICH USG AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES HAVE NOT BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF SPECIFIC ACTIONS WHICH TANGOV HAS TAKEN AND DEGREE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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SUCCESS ACHIEVED. EMBASSY CORRECTLY EMPHASIZED TO TANGOV

ITS HOST GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND WE ARE PLEASED TANZANIANS HAVE NOW APPEARED TO ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. OTHER SIDE OF COIN, OF COURSE, IS THAT USG ALSO BEARS RESPONSIBILITY TO DO ITS UTMOST TO FACILITATE THE RELEASE OF ITS CITIZENS HELD CAPTIVE ABROAD, A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH ENTITLES IT TO BE INFORMED OF TANGOV'S EFFORTS FOR STUDENTS' RELEASE AND TO COUNSEL THOSE EFFORTS.

2. WE FULLY APPRECIATIVE OF CONTINUING EFFORTS OF EMBASSY DAR AND OTHERS CONCERNED TO EFFECT RELEASE OF STUDENTS. WE ARE ALSO MINDFUL THAT THERE COULD WELL BE SENSITIVE FACTORS, DERIVING PERHAPS FROM TANGOV-GOZ AND/OR NYERERE-MOBUTU RELATIONSHIPS, WHICH COULD WITH CONSIDERABLE JUSTIFICATION ACCOUNT FOR NYERERE'S INSISTENCE ON HOLDING CARDS CLOSE TO HIS CHEST. BUT WE WOULD APPEAR TO BE AT, OR VERY CLOSE TO, TIME WHEN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF TANGOV SHOULD SHARE WITH US INFORMATION RE DEVELOPMENTS AND/OR REASONS FOR NOT DOING SO.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION REFTEL REPORTS THAT EMBASSY PLANNED TO CHECK WITH MFA OFFICIALS ON FRIDAY A.M. 13 JUNE FOR QTE INFORMAL UNQTE INFO ON NYERERE'S PLAN. WE WONDER WHETHER EMBASSY REP WAS ABLE TO MEET WITH THESE OFFICIALS AND WHAT INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.

4. WE ALSO NOTE STATEMENT IN REFTEL THAT EMBASSY HAS GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH SIYOVELWA AND SOZIGWA IN STATE HOUSE AND HOPE THAT SOME CLARIFYING INFORMATION ON WHAT NYERERE AND TANGOV ARE PLANNING OR DOING MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THEM.

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